(b) whether the Ministry are satisfied with the performance of these repres entatives; and

(c) what has bean the outcome from the point of view of the Ministry of Finance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) From the Ministry of Finance, Dr. Manmohan Singh. Finance Minister, Dr. M. S. Aluwalia, Finance Secretary and Shri N. K.. Jain, Private Secretary- *$ Finance Minister accompanied the Prime Minister on his official trip to U. S. A. in May, 1994.

(b) and (c) The Prime Minister's visit has been highly successful and led on an improved appreciation of each others point of view on all matters relating to Indo-US economic relations.

Conference of Income Tax Commissionars

7498. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of Income tax Commissioners was held recently in the Capital?

(b) if so, the agenda before them and the conclusions reached thereon;

(c) what decision? were taken in regard to bringing out a single page return of income for the individual taxpayer whose number is swelling day by day: and

(d) whether it will be enforced from the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir. An All India Conference of Chief Commissioners and Commissioners of Income-tax was held in New Delhi on 13th, 14th and 16th May, 1994.

(b) The following subjects were discussed during the Conference;

(i) By get collection a«d Action Plan.

(ii) Widening €he tax base.

(iii) Assessment Procedure - Reforms.

(v) Income Tax Administration.

(v) Search and aeizuro, survey and proaecution.

(vi) Computerisatioa in (he Income Tax Department

The Conference, gave its recommendations on the following main subjects:

(i) Action Plan targets for Income tax Department.

(ii) Steps for achieving budget collection margets.

(iii) Criteria for selection of casce for scrutiny.

(iv) Widening of *tax* base.

<v) Administrative improvement in the working of the Income tax Department.

(vi) Expediting disposal of search cases.

(c) A single' sheet return *f«m* No. 2A for individual resident taxpayers, having total income upto Rs. 1,20,000 and not having any income from business or profession or any brought forward el carry forward losses/allowances under any head of income excepting the 'Income-from House property', has already been issued on 12-5- 1994.

(d) The new single sheet return form No 2A has come into farce with effect from 1-6-1994 and returns for the assass-mant year 1994-95 can be filed in this

विदेशी ऋणों की अग्रिम अदायगी

7499. श्री अशोक मित्र : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विदेशी ऋणों की ऋण अदायगी के संबंध में सरकार की नीति की कुछ विशेषताएं क्या है ?

(ख) अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय गैर-सरकारी पूंजी बाजार में सरकार के ऋणों की कुल मात्रा क्या है ;

(ग) इस खाते में वार्षिक ऋण और अदायगी की धनराशि कितनी है ;

(घ) ऐसे ऋणों पर देय ब्याज की औसत दर कितनी है; और

(ङ) क्या गैर-सरकारी स्रोतों के माध्यम से इन ऋणों के कुछ अंश को समय से पहले भुगतान किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. वी. चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) (क) सरकार इस समय अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय पूंजी बाजारों से सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों तथा निजी कम्पनियों द्वारा जुटाए गए ऋणों के पूर्व-भुगतान की अनुमति दे रही है ।

(ख) सरकार अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय निजी पूंजी बाजारों से सीधे उधार नहीं लेती ।

(ग) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

refuned of eseise Duty

7560. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister erf FINANCE be pk*sed to refer to answer to Starred Question 181 gjven in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th March, 1994 and state:

(a.) whether any steps havesince bees taken to refund or adjust the excess recovery of excise duty on equipments like heat exchangers including cooling and condensation, mads under the notification inadvertently issued hiking the excise duty leviable on such items from 15 per cent to 110 per cent Instead of reducing it from 15 per cent.to 10 per cent as per Finance Bill 1993; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay; and

(b> whether Inquiry has since been made into the very act of is«e of the impungned notification and responsibility fixed for much abrupt bike in duty instead of reducing the same as provided in respect of items under the relevant head (84.19); if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TOE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The matter is still under active consideration with reference to the existing legal provision* dnder *&at* central excise law.

(b) The description of the goods was changed without any intention of changing the scope of the exemption. The en or was entirely due to inadvartance

MOU butween India and US on Narsetion

7561 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SMT. VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether a memorandum of understanding had been signed between India and the US during the recent US visit of the Prime Minister, on cooperaton to combat the menace of production and distribution of narcotics; and

(b) if so, the details of the stipulations thereof, indicating the obligations of each side?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to effectively address all aspects of the drugs problem, the two countries intend to carry out joint, cooperative, long-term programmes to raise awareness of and build support for anti-narcotics activities.